



Pathfinder

“The bad news is time flies. The good news is you’re the pilot.” Michael Altshuler, motivational speaker

Teamwork Matters

A message from
the City Manager

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Summer’s here! I encourage you to enjoy the great outdoors, barbecues, time with the family, hang out with friends, shop local, and enjoy the “longer” summer days with sunshine past 8:00 p.m.

Summer means your calendar should have outings scheduled. We live in a beautiful area and this region draws throngs of tourists from around the world. A good start is going to the City website www.cityofsantamaria.org and exploring the Public Library and the Recreation and Parks Department, the City’s social media platforms at <https://www.cityofsantamaria.org/about-us/city-social-media-pages>, and also Santa Maria-area events at www.santamariavalley.com/.

Visit the City’s Los Flores Ranch Park, about eight miles south of Santa Maria, at 6271 Dominion Road. If you go, remember to first download the trail map from the OuterSpatial app. Watch for guided hikes. Visit the [park’s Facebook page for events](#). Also, bring water, a sense of wonder, and pack out your trash.

Splash into the Paul Nelson Aquatic Center pool. Recreation swim hours are weekdays 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and weekends from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., with a modest fee.

Keep that Library card warm! The Santa Maria Public Library is offering the 2021 Summer Reading Program: Reading Colors Your World, running now through July 31st. There is a special reading program for every age level from toddlers to adults. Each program offers activities and challenges as well as prizes for reading, based on age level. Drawings for additional prizes will occur at the end of the summer.

This marks the fourth season at The Patch. For some great coverage of this award-winning program, [read this article in Western City Magazine](#) produced by the League of California Cities.

[Downtown Fridays](#) are back! This family-friendly event for Santa Maria’s downtown will occur every Friday until October 29th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Town Center West parking lot. There will be live music from local bands, rows of food vendors and food trucks, giveaways, and new and expanded attractions.

It has been more than four weeks since the State rolled back COVID-19 restrictions and gave the OK for most businesses to fully reopen. Thank you for supporting local restaurants and stores – when you do so, those dollars are recirculated for payroll and services and supplies, supporting Santa Maria.

Bottom line, have a good work-life balance. We work hard, and summer is a good time to play and spend quality time with friends and family.

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